

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendment and the following remarks.

In the Office Action, claim 6 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112(2) as being indefinite. Claims 1-2, 5, 10-11 and 14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,385,596 to Wiser et al. ("Wiser"). Dependent claims 3-4 and 12-13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wiser. Dependent claims 6 and 15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wiser in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,421,620 to Sauerwine ("Sauerwine"), dependent claims 7-8 and 16-17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wiser in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,385,596 to Vigneaux et al. ("Vigneaux"), and dependent claims 9 and 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wiser in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,057,872 to Candalore ("Candalore").

In response to the Office Action, Applicants have amended claim 6 to correct matters of form to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112(2), and have added claims 19 and 20. Accordingly, claims 1-20 will be pending herein upon entry of this Amendment. Applicants respectfully traverse the prior art rejections of independent claims 1 and 10, and for the reasons stated below, Applicants respectfully submit that all claims pending in this application are in condition for allowance.

Applicants respectfully submit that Wiser does not anticipate independent claims 1 and 10, and also does not anticipate newly added independent claim 19. Specifically, Wiser is directed to a "Secure Online Music Distribution System" that provides for secure delivery

(through multiple layers of encryption) of media over a public communications network. Wiser describes a system that authenticates a user's identity, encrypts specific media being purchased by the user to identify the user, provides a secure communication for the purchase transaction, and requires the purchasers to use a decryption key for access to the purchased media. (Wiser, col. 3: 33-50). The music distribution system in Wiser also describes a "Publishing" aspect for "distributing media data files 200 from their respective authors to the content manager 112 for inclusion in the music distribution center 124" after it is authenticated and encrypted. (Wiser, col. 11: 63-67).

Claim 1 recites a method for providing encoded media content in response to a "first request to encode a media program file" and a "second request to host the one or more encoded media files." Wiser does not teach or suggest a method for providing encoded media content that is responsive to a "first request" and a "second request" as recited in claim 1. Similarly, Wiser does not teach or suggest "a computer-readable medium" that receives a "first request" and a "second request" as is recited in claim 10.

Claim 1 further recites that the "first request" is to encode a media program file "in one or more encoding formats," and that the first request is serviced "by automatically generating one or more encoded media files by encoding the media program in the one or more encoding formats." Wiser also does not teach or suggest receiving a request to encode media in a particular encoding format, and to generate an encoded media file in the requested format, as recited in claim 1. For the same reasons, Wiser does not teach or suggest "a computer-readable medium" that receives a request to encode a file "in one or more encoding formats" as recited in claim 10.

Newly added claim 19 recites the steps of "receiving a request to host a media program file in a particular encoding format" and "encoding the media program in the requested encoding format." For the same reasons as provided above, Wiser does not teach or suggest encoding files in a particularly requested format as recited in claim 19.

Dependent claims 2-9, 11-18 and 20 are each believed to be patentable as being dependent upon a patentable independent claim.

In view of the foregoing all of the claims in this case are believed to be in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner have any questions or determine that any further action is desirable to place this application in even better condition for issue, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone applicants' undersigned representative at the number listed below.

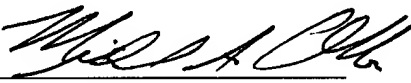
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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE TO CLAIMS

6. The method as recited in Claim 1, further comprising:
- causing a user interface to be displayed at the end-user client, wherein the user interface
- [:]
- allows entry of encoding requests[:] and
- allows uploading of the media program from the [customer] end-user client to a server
- over the network; and
- in response to an end-user interacting with the user interface, providing to the end-user an
- encoding request form through the user interface, wherein the encoding request form includes a
- mailing bar code.